

# ST BONS NEWSLETTER 21<sup>th</sup> July

## MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

Today we had our annual end of school year Mass. Over 400 children, teachers, and a number of parents packed the church. As ever it was a joy to hear the children singing, which they do with reverence, but also with much gusto, in an attempt to raise the roof.

It's over 60 years since I finished Primary School, but I still remember that day and the feeling. The joy of a long summer break and a chance to meet up with my cousins. The knowledge that when September came around, I would be at senior school was also an exciting prospect. My school was from Yr 1 to 6th Form, all on the same site. However, the Senior School was to move into a brand new complex in September so this added to the excitement. There were new boys to join us, as it was a going to become a 2 form entry at secondary level.

Like most children, once the holiday started, I forgot all about school and what was to happen in September. All our current Yr6 pupils will be heading off in different directions to go to a variety schools in Bristol. The one thing they will all have in common is that it will be a very different environment to the very sheltered life they've had at St Bons. I do believe though that the education they have received at St Bons will stand them in very good stead for the challenges that they face in their new schools. St Bons School builds and confirms the standards and values that we find in the home. Ideals such as love, tolerance, respect, and hard work are all parts of the bedrock for future success in life.

So today, it's one big 'thank you' to the parents and the staff of our remarkable school. My prayers for them today are that they will all have happy and safe holidays. For those who are coming back, that they will be refreshed and ready for the New School Year. For those who are moving on that they will look back with fondness to their association with St Bons.

## EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

**Please Pray For:** Enzo Maniglia. Peter Sewell. Eddie Williams. Paul Tooze. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Rosie O'Hagan. Madeline Walsh.

If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

**No weekday Masses this week:** Due to Diocesan retreat there will be no usual Masses Tue - Fri.

**St Bonaventure's Feast Day:** What a wonderful celebration we had on Sunday! A big Thank You to all who joined us on this special day and to those who helped to make it such a happy event in our Parish! Thanks to your generosity we raised over £250 which will be split between Food Pantry and the Building Fund.

**Feast of St James:** Come and celebrate the Feast of St James on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at St James' Priory. The Rosary will be recited from 9am to 1pm, Confessions from 12.30pm until 1pm and Mass at 1.05pm. All are very welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of the Rosary School 70th Anniversary:** Are you a past pupil or staff member of Our Lady of the Rosary School in Bristol? If so, we would like to invite you to our 70th Anniversary celebrations. Bishop Bosco will be celebrating mass on Friday 11th October 2024 at 10am. Please join us for mass and afterwards in the school hall where there will be displays connected to the school's history and a chance to catch up with old friends.

If you have any memories that you would like to share, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like to share these in person with our current children, then that would be brilliant. Either way you can contact us by email

[70years.OLORschool@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:70years.OLORschool@bristol-schools.uk) . By post: Tide Grove, Lawrence Weston, Bristol BS110PA or phone: 01179030025

**Lord, Teach us to Pray:** Pope Francis has given us The Year of Prayer 2024 in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. This series at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, Bath, draws us into the school of prayer so that we might draw near to the Lord who calls us to draw near to him.

The series details are:

Tuesday 23 July: Windows on the Divine – praying with icons (Tamara Penwell);

Tuesday 24 September: The prayer of St Francis and St Clare (Friar Maximilian Martin, OFM Conv);

Tuesday 29 October: The prayer of Carmel (Fr Michael McAndrew);

Tuesday 26 November: The prayer of St Ignatius (Fr James Hanvey SJ).

Each session will take place in the Church and begin at 7.00pm.

All are most welcome.

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can watch live on St John's website <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/>

**Livesimply Thought for the Week:** Fashion generates 10% of global carbon emissions. Mending is an eco-action and saves you money. The videos on the Repair What You Wear website (<https://repairwhatyouwear.com>) show you how to thread a needle, secure your thread and get started on basic mending. They cover core mending skills, common mending problems, school uniform mends, upcycling and beginner's embroidery. If you prefer face-to-face help with your sewing skills, SPARKS in the city centre runs mending workshops. They also offer a Garment Repair and Alteration service where you can hand over a treasured item of clothing to a sustainable fashion expert (check out What's On over the next couple of months).

### **Community Food Pantry Update:**

**Please donate:** Longlife milk (dairy), Longlife milk (soya), Cereal, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna, Toilet paper

**Please DO NOT donate:** Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

**Parent & Baby/Toddler Group:** The group takes the summer break, and will resume on Monday, 2 September at usual times: 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** Rosary group meets every Tuesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

**Drop in Coffee Morning:** Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date: 14 August. Any questions, contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

**Art Group:** On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions, contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

**Friday Soup Lunches:** Our team of soup makers are having a break over Summer but aim to be back in September - keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin! Thank you to all who have supported us and the range of charities to which donations are made.

**Men of St Joseph:** Bible and Catechism study with real life application to become a better Catholic man, Husband, Father and forge a lasting brotherhood of men of the faith. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm. If you're interested, please see Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass or come to the meeting.

**Tea & Coffee:** Join us in the Presbytery after Sunday morning Mass for tea, coffee biscuits and a chance to chat.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 21	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Alex and Felicia Kukiela RIP
Sunday 21	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 22	Memorial of St Bonaventure	No Mass	
Tuesday 23	Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday 24	Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Thursday 25	Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Friday 26	Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Saturday 27	Ordinary Time	9.30	Private intention
Sunday 28	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	People of the Parish
Sunday 28	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	18.00	Tony and Gladys Hunt RIP